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Column One
By David Courtney

DIFFERENCES between the United States and Western Europe over Spain are likely to become serious. The Americans appear to be determined in the matter and are preparing a formal bilateral treaty, which evades the conditions imposed upon its membership by NATO. The British and French are worried about it and the British have made their objections so plain that the Spanish Government has protested in the form of an aide-memoire handed recently to Mr. Younger, Minister of State, against Britain's "interference in the relations between two sovereign countries." For some unexplained reason the Foreign Office first denied the existence of the protest. The Spanish Ambassador to the Court of St. James then called upon Mr. Morrison, with the result that the Foreign Office confessed its error and admitted that the protest had been received.

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THE affair has given special significance to Spain's Gibraltar Day, August 4, an occasion of mourning for the big rock that once upon a time was Spain's and will be Spain's again if General Franco and his falangists, who are getting their way in so astonishingly much, get their way in this. Franco Spain, like Germany, is in a position to gain much—if not yet Gibraltar—from Anglo-American and Franco-American differences.

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LOGICALLY, there would seem to be no very good reason why Britain and France should not cease their cutting of moral capers where Spain is concerned. Germany has been brought back, richly-feathered, to roost on the democratic perch; and Japan, who proudly claim that Mr. Dulles has been kinder to them than the Allies were to Italy, will formally join the choir next month. The presence of Germany and Japan should make it much easier to bear with Spain, whose antecedents are certainly no worse than those of the two ex-enemies and whose strategic usefulness is at least as great. It is decidedly unfair to apply to General Franco a standard of democratic morality which has been set aside in the case of Germany and Japan.

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AT the same time, it is to be hoped that the United States will give some sympathy to the British and French hesitations. They are not merely the hesitations of wrong-headedness. America has no Bevan group to make electoral profit out of the recall of Franco to the fold that once expelled him. It has, on the other hand, a huge, Catholic vote which is anxious to see Franco's status as a Christian gentleman and unequivocating Defender of the Faith properly recognised. Such recognition might help to balance the uneasiness of many Catholics due to the strange, new brotherhood developing between the United States and Marshal Tito. These are the kind of factors which may be held to explain what might otherwise be regarded as alarming trends in United States policy. But those factors do not exist in Britain or in many other parts of Western Europe; and their absence should be borne in mind by the Americans.

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THE combination of Madrid, Belgrade, Bonn and Tokyo, with the traditional democracies of the West, has, to be sure, a grotesque look about it; but no less grotesque in the part that excludes Madrid than in the whole that includes it.

Tel Aviv, August 7.

Oil Talks Open In Teheran

TEHERAN, Monday (Reuter). — Oil talks opened tonight at the Shah's Summer Palace north of Teheran. Mr. Richard Stokes, Lord Privy Seal in the British Cabinet, greeted the Persian Finance Minister, Ali Varasteh, and introduced members of his delegation. Mr. Varasteh returned the compliment.

The first meeting was intended to be mainly introductory, but it was learned that both sides had tabled some general subjects for preliminary discussion.

An American Embassy spokesman said Mr. Harriman would not take part in the oil talks, but would "hold himself in readiness if either side needed to consult with him."

The Persian Cabinet and Oil Commission met at Premier Mossadeq's home earlier today to discuss suggestions for drafting an agenda.

After the Cabinet meeting Senator Abul Najmulmolk said he expected the talks to last about a fortnight. He said only general agreement would be discussed between the two delegations at Government level. If agreement in principal was reached technical delegations would be left to settle the details.

Shepherd Hopeful

Sir Francis Shepherd, British Ambassador to Persia, who returned with the Stokes Mission after a flying visit to London, told correspondents today he was "hopeful."

The fact that Abadan refinery had closed and the flow of oil stopped — and with it Persian oil revenues — had brought a change in the atmosphere, he said.

Mr. Stokes will visit the refineries at Abadan tomorrow.

Other members of the Persian delegation besides the Finance Minister, are Dr. Karim Sandjadi, Minister of Education, and four members of the Oil Commission, Allayar Saleh, Chairman; Senator Matin Daftary, Reza Zaden Shafaq and Dr. Sayed Shayegan.

Britain Has Closed Door—Salah e-Din

CAIRO, Monday (Reuter). — Foreign Minister Salah e-Din said in Parliament tonight that Mr. Herbert Morrison had "closed the door to Anglo-Egyptian negotiations."

He said the government would inform Parliament before it went into its summer recess of the "final decisions" regarding the fulfilment of Egypt's national aspirations as pledged in the speech from the throne. On these the people of Egypt and the Sudan were unanimously agreed, he said.

The Minister was replying to Mr. Morrison's statement in the Commons on July 30 when he criticized Egypt's conduct over shipping through the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Akaba.

Total Evacuation

The throne speech demanded the "total and immediate" evacuation of British troops and the unity of Egypt and the Sudan under the Egyptian crown. The King added "My government proclaims it will never depart from these fundamental principles."

Salah e-Din said, Mr. Morrison's recent Commons statement had "widened the gap in Anglo-Egyptian negotiations on three main issues, namely evacuation, the Sudan and Palestine."

P.C.C. Discusses American Plan

The Palestine Conciliation Commission officially announced in Jerusalem yesterday the resumption of its meetings in Geneva (as reported yesterday).

"At these meetings new and far-reaching proposals aimed at the solution of the Palestine problem are being discussed," an official release said. It did not reveal details of the discussions, but it said that "it is expected that the Commission will soon be able to disclose these proposals publicly."

The POST learned, meanwhile, that the "new and far-reaching proposals" were actually a plan presented to the committee by Mr. James Barco, the U.S. Deputy Delegate. The proposals are apparently a State Department plan to promote peace between Israel and the Arab states.

No Swimming

The Tel Aviv Municipality yesterday repeated its warning against swimming in the Yarkon River, revealing that failure to heed that warning has resulted in 14 cases of Bilharziasis, a tropical disease, in the past two months.

The municipality warned that special care should be taken to keep hands and feet dry while rowing on the Yarkon.

U.S. Now Sees Action On Suez Needed

FLUSHING MEADOW, Monday (INA). — The State Department was today reported to have come to the conclusion that Security Council action will be necessary in the Suez Canal dispute although it had previously hoped for a voluntary solution.

The Department's reluctance to offend the Egyptians by presenting a strong resolution to the Council has been contrasted here by many observers with its speed in drafting the Huleh resolution in May. The Americans, however, have not entirely given up hope of persuading Egypt to settle the dispute through diplomatic channels.

In this connection, the U.S. Ambassador to Cairo, Mr. Jefferson Caffery, visited the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Salah e-Din, on Saturday. No details of their discussions have been released but it is believed that he had no more success than in numerous previous efforts.

Hassan Hakim Asked to Form Syrian Cabinet

DAMASCUS, Monday (Reuter). — President Hashem el Atassi has entrusted a former Premier, Hassan Hakim, with the task of forming a new Cabinet, it was officially announced today.

Syria's Cabinet crisis, which has entered its second week, resulted in Parliament adjourning today until Saturday, owing to the absence of a government.

Hakim, 63, an independent Damascus deputy, at once began consultations with party leaders in the hope of ending the crisis. His aim is a coalition government but political circles place little hope in him succeeding where Syria's veteran political leader, 80-year-old Faris el Khoury, asked to form a government six days ago, had failed.

The Cabinet crisis coincided with a strike of Syria's 20,000 civil servants for higher wages. Khaled el Azzem, the outgoing Premier, announced that a compromise had been reached after a Parliamentary committee had promised to pass a bill to increase wages within ten days.

Official circles had thought yesterday that the end of the strike might pave the way for the Prime Minister to withdraw the verbal resignation of his Cabinet, submitted to the President on July 30.

U.S. TO PROPOSE LAND REFORMS

GENEVA, Monday (UP).—The U.S. will introduce a resolution, pressing for land reform as a means of aiding underdeveloped countries, during the current session of the U.N. Economic and Social Council here, it was learned today.

The resolution will not only help the landless agricultural worker economically but politically as well by giving him a stake in democracy which he is not likely to have as a discontented tenant.

It will ask the 18 member governments to support the land reform principle.

Hiroshima Takes A Peace Vow

HIROSHIMA, Monday (Reuter). — Six years after the first atom bomb laid waste their city, the people of Hiroshima today formally dedicated it to the "cause of eternal world peace."

A bell in the uncompleted peace memorial church began to toll at 8.15 — the precise hour when, on August 6, 1945, an American B-29 dropped the bomb which wiped out 70,000 dwellings and killed 105,000 of Hiroshima's citizens.

That bomb is now considered obsolete.

Since it fell a new Hiroshima has arisen on the ashes of the old. The city's population — 130,000 after the blast — has multiplied to 255,000.

Reorganization Plan Rejected by Agency

The plenary session of the Jewish Agency Executive yesterday failed to adopt a reorganization proposal which would have based the Agency's essential bodies in Jerusalem and would have converted the New York offices, which now share equal status with those in Jerusalem, into a subsidiary branch of the central organism, it was learned in Jerusalem last night.

Unofficial reports stated that the Executive also did not approve a proposal to diminish the Executive membership from 19 to 13, but unanimously accepted a proposal to increase the number of seats in the General Zionist Council from 70 to 85.

Deferment Proposed

Other unofficial reports stated that some members of the Executive had proposed that, in view of disagreements, the formulation of the Jerusalem Programme, which is to replace the 54-year-old Basle Programme, be left to the 24th Zionist Congress, which is to convene in four years.

According to the proposal, the 23rd Congress would discuss only the broad outlines of the Programme, and appoint a sub-committee to work out a single draft proposal. It was stated that no final decision was taken on the suggestion.

At yesterday's session, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who was in the Chair, stated that no negotiations were being conducted between the Executive and the General Zionists regarding the granting of seats at the Congress by the latter, despite their failure to participate in the Congress elections.

Dr. Goldmann was replying to a question by Mr. Yitzhak Gruenbaum regarding rumours to the effect that the Congress Court would deal with such a request. He said, however, that he could not speak for the Court, as the latter is sovereign in its decisions.

Discussions also took place on the problem of the extension of constitutional status in Israel to the Zionist Organization.

Stronger Pioneer Movement Sought

A strong appeal for strengthening the pioneering movement in the Diaspora was made by Mr. Eliahu Dobkin, Head of the Youth and Pioneering Department of the Jewish Agency Executive, at the opening in Jerusalem of the World Zionist Youth Conference last night.

The two-day Conference, at the Bet Hakerem Teachers Seminary, was attended by over 200 representatives from 21 countries. It has as its aim to clarify problems pertaining to Youth and Hehalutz which will be brought up at the Congress.

Mr. Dobkin stated that pioneering remained the decisive factor in the process of building up the country.

Five Infiltrators Killed on Border

Five infiltrators were killed on the border near Gaza between Friday and Sunday, it was reported yesterday.

Two infiltrators bearing large quantities of smuggled goods were apprehended in the Jezreel Valley.

Marauders Active In Judean Hills

Marauders committed a series of thefts in the early hours of yesterday morning in the Judean Hills region.

They stole 47 metres of pipes, 200 wire tree guards from fruit orchards, 86 metres of pipes from the fields of two settlers and 35 lambs. Police reported that the tracks of the thieves led to the border. Marauders, whose tracks led across the Trianle border, last night stole farm implements from orange groves in the Tel Aviv area.

Tnuva Disclaims Responsibility For Infected Dairy Products

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Tnuva could not be held responsible if unhygienic or infected dairy products reached the consumer, a senior bacteriologist at the marketing co-operative told *The POST* yesterday. All milk reaching Tnuva dairies from farms and settlements was being sterilized at central dairies, he said, adding that what happened after the milk reached the distributors could not be laid at Tnuva's doorstep.

He admitted, however, that Tnuva had often found itself without sterilization supplies and laboratory materials due to the general shortage of these items. A fortnight ago, for example, there was no chlorine for cleaning containers, he said.

Since then, Tnuva has been allotted a priority for the import of testing materials.

(A *POST* reporter was denied entrance to the central dairies here. He was attempting to determine the truth of an allegation by a leading Israel food scientist that some of the pasteurization machinery was not equipped with thermometers).

Leboniya Safe

The Tnuva bacteriologist said it was safe to give children milk, leben and leboniya, though other experts had suggested neither leben nor leboniya be given to children under the age of four. However, the the Tnuva scientist stated that he would give children neither cream cheese, which did not keep well in the summer heat, nor pasteurized milk, which was of poor quality.

He thought it would be wise to pasteurize fresh milk at the dairies and leave the sale of powdered milk to vendors. This would be in contrast to the present method of producing bottled milk which contains only 25 per cent fresh milk and only 0.75 per cent butter fat. The present recipe for bottled milk was determined by the Ministry of Agriculture, he said.

Leboniya, made in a concentrate form, known as "mother culture," in the central dairy from dry milk and American surplus butter (2.5 per cent), is later diluted with milk at the district dairies before sale to the consumer.

Regarding bottles, the bacteriologist asserted that they were being well sterilized in the dairies, but acquired large numbers of bacteria during subsequent transport in Tnuva's trucks.

An official statement on the milk situation is expected to be published by the Ministry of Health tomorrow.

Guarantee Products, Food Expert Urges

TEL AVIV, Monday.— Experience in the U.S., Britain and other countries had taught that conditions in dairies improve when milk-processing plants are forced to serve as guarantors for their goods and to replace faulty goods which reach consumers.

This was stated in an interview with *The Post* by Maynard A. Joslyn, Professor of Food Technology at the University of California who has spent eight months in Israel investigating food processing at the invitation of the Government Scientific Research Council. He asserted that sanitary improvements in Tnuva's plants had not improved since he drew attention to them several months ago.

Milk Distributors Threaten Strike

Distributors of milk to school children in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa announced yesterday in Jerusalem that they would call a strike next week unless their back salaries were paid by that time. They claimed not to have been paid since June.

Negotiations are in progress between the Government and the three Municipalities as to who should pay the men.

Counting of Army Votes to End Today

The tabulation of ballots cast by soldiers in the election for the Second Knesset will be completed at midday today, the Central Elections Committee announced yesterday.

EDEN SEES CONSTANT MOVE TOWARD PEACE

DENVER COLORADO, Monday (Reuter). — Mr. Anthony Eden said here tonight there was a constant move forward to a free world shaped on the interdependence of Britain, the Commonwealth, the U.S. and Western Europe.

$56,000m. Army Budget Approved By U.S. Group

WASHINGTON, Monday (UP). — The House Appropriations Committee recommended today a record $56,600m. military budget — just $1,500m. less than the armed forces had asked. The Committee said the funds for 1952 would support a 3,972,000-man force and assure a defence "sufficient to avert disaster and to successfully retaliate in the event of attack." The House will begin consideration of the measure on Wednesday.

Although the huge outlay would not put the military on a war footing, the Committee said, it would provide the base for a rapid expansion of both the armed forces and the war industry.

More than half the total, about $30,000m., is earmarked for planes, tanks, ships. The Committee warned that big as it was the bulging bill included neither the costs of the Korean war nor of the $4,500m. global base-building programme of the three armed services. Neither does it include the cost of military aid to America's allies. Far less was disclosed than usual about what the defence money would buy.

West Berlin Trade Airlift Growing

BERLIN, Monday (Reuter).— Seven cargo planes on a day-and-night shuttle service are flying 160 tons of goods daily from West Berlin to West Germany in the airlift to beat Soviet restrictions on trade.

Four American aircraft, one British and two French planes are taking part and another French plane is expected to join the operation tomorrow.

The airlift is moving precision instruments, electrical and radio equipment, perishable goods and urgent repair jobs to the West.

IL.4.5m. Budget Grants Approved

The Knesset Finance Committee last night gave its final approval to the allocation of sums under the general IL.4.5m. supplementary budget adopted by the Knesset on March 22 for the half-year, April through September 1951. At the time of its adoption, the reserve budget was earmarked for the expansion of services. The Knesset indicated at the time that it was to be dispensed by the Minister of Finance with the consent of the Finance Committee. Mr. D. Z. Pinkas, the Committee's Chairman, stated that the supplementary budget might actually reach close to IL.5m.

Yesterday, the Committee's Chairman was empowered to sign the appropriations as set by the Committee.

Regarding the question of alleged mishandling of public property in the granting of lands in North Tel Aviv for housing for high Government officials, the Committee reserved opinion until it receives the State Comptroller's report on his investigations into the case, and reaffirmed his confidence in Mr. David Horowitz, Director-General of the Ministry of Finance, and Mr. M. Zagagi, the Chief Auditor, who represent the Ministry of Finance at Committee sessions.

A number of sub-committees were set up to deal with special budgetary matters affecting the Ministries of Health, Education, Agriculture and Religious Affairs.

The Committee will meet again before the dissolution of the First Knesset to summarize resolutions based on the State Comptroller's annual report.

Ministers Discuss Economy in Secret

STRASBOURG, Monday (Reuter). — The Ministers' Committee of the Council of Europe spent two hours in top secret discussion on European affairs here today. It decided not to reveal details of the discussion.

The Norwegian Foreign Minister, Mr. Halvard Lange, who is president of the 15-nation committee, only said there had been an informal exchange of views. The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, said he had found the meeting friendly and helpful. Observers believe that the Ministers discussed European economic problems.

Ridgway Calls Aides to Tokyo

TOKYO, Monday (Reuter). — All four American cease-fire delegates returned to Tokyo to confer with General Ridgway, who confirmed a few hours earlier that he was seeking a buffer zone based on the present battleline. The Supreme Commander had still not agreed to reopen truce talks 12 hours after the Communists broadcast an explanation of the violation of the neutrality of Kaesong, the "Peace Town."

Communist Generals Kim Il Sung and Peng Te Huai, North Korean and Chinese Commanders-in-Chief on the Peninsula, broadcast an explanation of the presence of armed Chinese troops in Kaesong and called for an immediate resumption of talks.

The Communist leaders admitted that the appearance of mortar and machine-gun troops in Kaesong last Saturday violated the agreement that the town be neutralized. They promised it would not happen again.

General Ridgway's headquarters informally acknowledged receiving the broadcast message but made no official reply. The General summoned Vice-Admiral Charles Turner Joy, Chief United Nations delegate, and the other three American negotiators. The fifth member of the team, South Korean Major-General Pai Sun Yok, remained in Korea.


Admiral Joy

It appeared likely that General Ridgway called them for a personal briefing in anticipation that progress may be made in the armistice talks. Headquarters announced that the Allied delegation was seeking a cease-fire line based on the present battlefront.

The explained statement was made to "set at rest speculation as to the line of demarcation" after an announcement on Friday which said the U.N. wanted a line north of the present ground positions. The Communists have been claiming the Allies are demanding a line north of the battlelins.

Peking radio made a new claim today. A Communist broadcast denied that the two delegations had agreed fighting was to continue during the talks.

It said: "During the negotiations the Americans have intensified their air and naval bombardment and increased their ground attacks in a vain attempt to blackmail and put pressure on the delegation of the People's forces. To cover up their warlike acts the Americans put forth rumours that both sides had agreed at Kaesong that fighting will be continued during the talks."

According to authoritative sources there was no such agreement at the meetings. But the shooting became faster today with strong United Nations forces clashing with Communist battalions north of the Imjin River.

Several smaller engagements were fought south and east of Kaesong, not far outside the neutral perimeter.

Communists Fear Withdrawal

TOKYO, Monday (UP). — The New China News Agency reported in Peking tonight that acceptance of the U.N.'s truce line proposal would put the Communists at a great disadvantage. The message asserted that the reason why the Allies had made the proposal was that their air, sea and land forces all have different lines.

The Communist disadvantage, according to Peking, lies in the fact that east of the Imjin River, for example, the Communist forces would have to withdraw between 30 and 40 kms. from the present defence line.

Filipinos, British Clash in Korea

PUSAN, KOREA, Monday (Reuter). — A Filipino officer today blamed British soldiers for a battle near here last night in which two British military policemen were killed and nine people, including a Korean girl, were wounded.

Major Jose Fernandez, senior Filipino liaison officer said a protest would be lodged with the British Government. The results of his own investigations would be announced in a few days, he said, adding that meanwhile he considered it a "small incident."

British provosts were today enquiring into the shooting and declined to comment.

Eyewitnesses said the Britons turned out to stop a brawl between Filipino and Korean soldiers and Korean women in a village two miles north of Pusan where British and Filipino camps lie within 300 yards of each other. The wounded included three British military policemen, two of them seriously injured, and five Filipino soldiers. The Korean girl, described as a 28-year-old entertainer, was said to have tumbled screaming into the road, hit in the back.

Pleven Hits Snag On School Aid

PARIS, Monday (Reuter). — France's month-old Cabinet crisis ran into a new snag tonight as the Radical Party expressed reserve about the programme for aiding religious schools put forward by the latest Premier designate, M. Rene Pleven.

Socialists and Popular Republicans who are the main antagonists on this issue promised M. Pleven their support of a proposal limiting expenditure on school aid to 16,000 million francs.

But the Radicals, who are secretly hoping that the crisis will end in the recall of outgoing Premier Queuille, raised certain difficulties.

Lobby observers nevertheless expected that Pleven would decide to ask the Chamber to invest him as Premier.

If he overcomes this burdle he will still have to overcome new difficulties in the actual formation of a government.

Out of This World

LONDON, Monday (Reuter). — The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, asserted today that the Conservative leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, was in many ways "absolutely out of date" in international affairs. "He tends to live in a world which is no longer there," he said in opening a Labour Party gala in his South London constituency of Lewisham.





DUBEK 10 it's a hit!

Jalameh Report Hailed By Press As Democratic Victory

The Jalameh report was greeted by most of yesterday morning's press as a matter of fundamental importance, whose recommendations should be speedily put into effect.

Hoping the Government will carry out the Knesset subcommittee's recommendation, "Davar" (Histadrut) wrote that "there is no room in this country for behaviour derogatory to human dignity and insulting to the individual — behaviour which is contrary to law. The public did not hesitate to condemn these incidents, despite its full appreciation of the important work done by police under difficult conditions, and its oft-expressed gratitude for the selfless labour of the Police."

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) thought the police had been shaken by the Jalameh episode itself, but not merely as a result of the Parliamentary report. The attitude toward prisoners will change only on dismissal of those officers responsible for the Jalameh incidents, the paper wrote. It also asked full discussion of the broader issue of Government invocation of paragraph III of the Emergency Regulations.

Victory for Democracy

Basing its claims on the fact that Mapai subcommittee members had been no less outspoken than the opposition in condemning the Jalameh violations, "Haboker" (General Zionists) alleged that Mapai had delayed publication of the report till after elections. ("Davar" published a statement by Mr. David Hacohen, a Mapai committee member, saying that he had neither seen nor signed the report).

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) calling the report a victory for democracy, wrote that the Jalameh measures were part of a tradition inherited from the Mandatory Government, and that such an administration could not and would not be tolerated by the people. Similar cases, it wrote, such as the Tryfus affair in Haifa, and complaints about maltreatment in military prisons, had been voiced before the Jamaleh incident, but nothing had been done.

"Herut" said the danger was not yet over, as the electorate had "blindly" empowered Mapai to continue infringing on the rights of the citizen.

The dismissal of the Minister of Police was suggested by "Kol Ha'am" (Communists), which also asked for permanent public supervision of police treatment of prisoners.

"Hamodia" (Poalei Agudat Israel) regretted that the Knesset would not debate the report, and joined the demand for stern measures against those whom the commission found to have exceeded their powers.

"Hatzofeh" (Mizrahi), commenting on the inadequacy of urban and interurban transport, called for immediate Government intervention and long-range planning to keep pace with the demands of an ever-growing population.

Social & Personal

Mr. Moshe Sharett, the Foreign Minister, has sent a message of felicitation to Col. Tomas Antonio Suares Guzman, the Foreign Minister of Bolivia, on the occasion of the Bolivian Independence Day.

The American Ambassador, Mr. Monett B. Davies, gave a reception yesterday at his residence in Ramat Gan for eight members of Americans for Democratic Action, 40 students of New York University, on a visit to Israel, and 11 members of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mr. Ya'acov Tsur, Israel Minister to the Argentine, has arrived in Israel for a short stay.

Mgr. Dominico Enrico, member of the Apostolic Delegation to Israel and Egypt, arrived here on Sunday for an official visit.

Mr. Benjamin Browdy, President of the Z.O.A., arrived yesterday to attend the Zionist Congress.

Mr. John Harr, Information Officer of the U.S. Embassy in Israel, arrived yesterday with his family to take up his post.

Mr. Yehuda Gaulan, the Israel Consul in South Africa, and Mrs. Gaulan have returned to Israel on leave. On the way back they visited Jewish communities in the Belgian Congo.

Mr. Ernst Semke, the Israel Consul in Manila, has arrived on a visit.

Mr. Ezra Shapiro, of Cleveland, Ohio, a leader of the progressive wing of the Zionist Organization of America, is in Jerusalem for the Zionist Congress, as is Mrs. Shapiro, member of the Hadassah National Board and delegate to the Congress.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Tulin, of New York, who are now visiting Israel, have presented the Jewish National and University Library with an illuminated Oriental Hebrew manuscript written in the year 1186 by Yitzhak Ben Avraham Halevy.

Mr. Maurice Boukstein, Legal Adviser of the Jewish Agency in New York, arrived yesterday by air and is staying at the King David.

Messrs. Yitzhak Drafkin, one of the leaders of the Keren Hayesod and the Zionist Organization in Chile, and Mr. P.S. Gourgey, Honorary General Secretary of the All-India Zionist Federation, have arrived to attend the Zionist Congress.

A reception for Mr. T.W. Morray, Director of the Middle East Department of the British Council, was held yesterday by the Representative of the British Council in Israel and Mrs. Cedric Hentschel at their home in Tel Aviv. It was attended by the British Chargé d'Affaires, the Director-General of the Israel Foreign Ministry, and senior officials of the Ministry of Education and Culture.

Mr. Alfred Perlmuter, Lecturer on Sea Fishing at New York University, has arrived in Israel on the invitation of the Ministry of Agriculture.

Mr. Fred Kahan, Coordinator of the American office of the Jewish National Fund, has arrived in Jerusalem to attend the World Conference of the J.N.F.

Dr. Chaim Shoshkes, journalist and special representative of HIAS in the U.S., has arrived for a short visit following a prolonged tour of Africa.

Mr. B. Gillon, the impresario, has returned to Tel Aviv from an extended trip to Europe and the U.S.A. where he had engaged prominent artists to appear in Israel during the 1951/2 concert season.

Upper Galilee Council Elected

TIBERIAS, Monday. — An Upper Galilee District Council was elected yesterday, following an agreement between Mapai and Mapam on parity representation for the two parties.

The 30-man Council decided that the chairmanship should alternate annually between the two parties, and that Mr. Daniel Stark (Mapam) of Kibbutz Dan, should be its first head.

Mr. Hillel Landesmann, of Ayelet Hashahar, renowned Bloc Committee chairman, retired after an active life and was feted on the occasion.

An officer in the Turkish Army, he was highly respected by both Jews and Arabs and was one of the earliest workers of the Palestine Land Development Company and took an active part in the acquisition of the Huleh concession. Since 1936, when he took office, the number of settlements rose from seven to 23 owning 350,000 dunams of farmland.

Iceland Sends Greetings To Israel

The President of the oldest parliament in the world this week sent greetings to the Speaker of the youngest.

On the occasion of the presentation of credentials by Israel's Minister for the Scandinavian countries, Dr. A. Nissan, in Reykjavik, Iceland, the following cable was sent to the Knesset Speaker, Mr. Sprinzak: "The President of the oldest parliament sends his greetings to the youngest."

Thousand Years

In reply, Mr. Sprinzak cabled: "I hope that the efforts of the oldest and youngest parliaments will complement each other to assure democracy and justice for all peoples."

The Icelandic parliament has been in existence more than one thousand years.

The Attorney-General and the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday agreed to send three Arab infiltrators to a military tribunal for trial.

UN Group to Be Asked To Meet Here

TEL AVIV, Monday (ITIM). — The Israel delegation to the Conference of the World Organization for the United Nations due to convene in Stockholm on August 22 will urge that the next conference be held in Jerusalem, probably in 1952, Dr. Arieh Tartakower, Chairman of the Israel Organization, told the Council for Foreign Relations yesterday.

Dr. Tartakower, who will represent Israel at the Conference together with Mr. Daniel Auster, former Mayor of Jerusalem, said that it would discuss the maintenance of peace and the ending of wars now going on, plans for economic aid to under-developed countries and assistance to refugees, emigrees and stateless persons. Non-governmental organizations and the public in all countries would be called up to cooperate in these schemes.

Dr. Moshe Avidor, who was a representative of Israel at the recent Paris meeting of UNESCO, reported on decisions taken there in fields of science and education. Dr. Avidor thought it worth while for Israel to pay the $11,000 yearly membership fee in view of the services Israel was getting from UNESCO, which were worth several times that amount.

For stealing a motorcycle in Ramat Yitzhak a year ago, Refael Kassel, 19, of Rehovot, was this week sentenced to three months imprisonment by the Petah Tikva Magistrate, Mrs. M. Shamir. He had been arrested in February, six months after the theft, for speeding on the stolen machine.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 467 M.; HAIFA: 350 M.; TEL AVIV: 43.2, 33.3 & 253 M.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 6, 8.30 and 10.30 p.m.; English: 2 and 10.15 p.m.; Arabic Programme (including News): 6 a.m., 2.15 and 7.15 p.m.; French: 3 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.40 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies. 7.45 Oriental Music: R. Amar. 8.30 Close Down.

10.00 a.m. Morning Concert (R). 10.30 Variety (R). 11.00 At the Opera (R). 12.00 M. "Vacation & Recreation": Programme for Holiday Camp Children. 12.30 Consumers' Cooperatives. 12.30 Programme for Hospitals. 1.00 Soldiers' Programme: Classical Requests. 2.45 Housewives' Corner. 3.15 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 4.30 Light Music (R). 4.45 Piano Recital: Israel Gichon. 5.00 "Jerusalem" Ensemble: Oriental Tunes. 5.30 Recital: Sacha Nernes. W.A. Schocken. 5.45 Agricultural Corner. 6.15 "News in the Arab World" by M. Kaestleh. 6.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 "Recreation Programme" by M. Akavia. 7.45 Bible Reading. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.45 Talk by Dr. Mayer. 9.00 Kol Yisrael Orchestra, Conductor: Jacques Rachmilovich: "La Scala di Seta" (Rossini), Adagio for Strings (Barber); Classical Symphony (Prokofieff); Symphony No. 40 (Mozart). [illegible] (R). 10.30 Dance Music (R). 11.15 Close Down.

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the People". 12.45 Larry Adler.

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100 Classrooms Being Built In Tel Aviv for New Term

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Altogether 100 new classrooms for schools and kindergartens are being built here, to accommodate the 14,000 new children so far registered for the next school year, Dr. E. Meroz (Rosenbaum), Director of the Municipality's Education Department, told The POST. Few of the buildings will, however, be finished by the beginning of the new term on September 6, and there will probably be much crowding and makeshift till the end of November, when the new rooms are expected to be completed.

About 14,000 new children have so far been registered for the new term, including 6,000 five-year-olds for kindergartens. Where no new municipal kindergartens can be set up, children will be distributed among private institutions, with the Municipality paying the difference, Dr. Meroz said.

As regards schools, the average attendance per class will remain around the present 37.2, at least in the beginning, as afternoon shifts will be increased, and children may be brought to less frequented schools in other districts.

Materials Needed

The new buildings were planned long ago, but no materials were available. Now the Ministry of Trade and Industry has released materials for some buildings, while the balance will be brought in on the non-payment import scheme. The same applies to furniture, for which the Municipality has set aside IL.100,000. New desks, chairs, cupboards, gym equipment and dining room furniture are now being made locally, but here, too, materials are slow in being released.

Altogether, Dr. Meroz said, the situation did not look as gloomy as last year, when nothing was moving and when school attendance was almost double that of the previous year. Now at least progress was being made, though slowly, and when parents saw new buildings going up they did not feel impatient and did not mind their children having a few months of inconvenience.

Summer Holidays

While 7,000 children are spending part of their summer vacation in local schools, 750 convalescent children and those suffering from asthma and other illnesses have been sent to children's villages, including Neve Hadassah, Kfar Glickson, Netayim and Ein Karem, to have a proper vacation. They pay according to their means but not more than IL.15 a month, with the Municipality making up the rather considerable difference.

The other children, centred in 40 schools, are being looked after by 300 specially trained instructors. They go swimming, on outings, play in the schoolgrounds, organize theatre performances and choirs etc., while those who have to catch up on school work get special tuition. A few kindergartens are also carrying on over the holidays, taking charge of the children of working parents.

On August 13 the holiday scheme will come to an end, when the schools will be whitewashed and cleaned up for the new term.

SHIPS IN HAIFA PORT ON MONDAY

George D. Gratsos, Gr., Wheat, Tidan, Swi., Wooden Logs, Gen. Cargo, C. D'Alene Victory, U.S., Wheat, Transilvania, Rum., Household Effects, Pakistan Pioneer, Pan., Gen. Cargo, Bisa Kaptan, Tur., Iron, Gen. Cargo, Kassabov, Bul., Kaolin, Kemeniut, Is., Waiting to Offload, Sabac, Tug., Wood, Cement, Louis Sloss, U.S., Wood, Topacha, Yug., Waiting to Offload, Dromit, Is., Wood, Tel Aviv, Is., Wheat, Achille, It., Bagged Cargo, Kaptan Yakup, Tur., Gen. Cargo, Nicola Vaptsarov, Rum., Waiting to Offload, Salvore, It., Wood, Aydan, Tur., Wood, Hannah Senesh, Is., Bagged Cargo, Abbasia, It., Passengers, Gen. Cargo.

SHIPS EXPECTED

6.8 Shoshana, Clay, Viscenzo, Gen. Cargo, Pyas, Gen. Cargo, Richard Borchard, Gen. Cargo, Meir Dizengoff, Wheat, Pipes, Gen. Cargo, Expediter, Mail, Gen. Cargo.

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Where to Go

JERUSALEM

8-6: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo: Romema.

9-1; 3-6: Exhibition of New Acquisitions: Line Engravings by Cecile Reims; Exhibit of the Month: Bohemian Glass (17th Cent.); Bezalel Museum.

11-1: Students' Works: New Bezalel School of Arts & Crafts.

11.30-12.30: Film Shows of Israel: Keren Hayesod Head Office.

TEL AVIV

9-1; 4-8: Chagall Exhibition: Tel Aviv Museum.

10-1; 5-7: M. Lande Exhibition, Katz Gallery, 97 Dizengoff.

8.30 p.m.: "Juno and The Paycock": Chamber Theatre: Mograbi Hall.

HAIFA

8 a.m.-5.30 p.m.: Theological and Scientific Library — Central Synagogue Bldg., Rehov Gilad.

10-1; 4-6: Municipal Museum, 2 Hassan Shukri Street.

KIRYAT MOTZKIN

9 p.m.: "Special Programme," Li-La-Lo Theatre with Leo Fuld and Orchestra: Oroth Hall.

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CARMEL: Silver River (7.45 & 9.30 p.m.).
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Tennis in Jerusalem

In the first meeting in some years between the reconstituted Y.M.C.A. and Jerusalem Sports Club Tennis Clubs, the former gained a 6-2 victory in a men's singles and doubles tournament on the "Y" courts on Saturday. Both clubs had held preliminary internal competitions before selecting their teams.

The full results were: *Singles*: Barta (Y) beat Shimron (J.S.C.), 6/4, 6/1; McGoverk (Y) beat Breitfeld (J.S.C.), 6/1, 6/1; J. Simon (Y) beat Fisher (J.S.C.), 6/3, 6/1; Kidner (J.S.C), beat Strauss (Y), 6/4, 6/1. *Doubles*: Heilig and Oren (Y), beat Kneller and Schulznik (J.S.C), 6/3, 6/1; McGoverk and Weinbach (Y) beat Fisher and Erotshiner (J.S.C), 6/1, 6/3; Kidner and Peretz (J.S.C), beat Shaw and Avner (Y), 6/4, 3/6, 6/2; Barta and Simon (Y) beat Shimron and Breitfeld (J.S.C), 6/3, 3/6, 6/3.

At the Cinema

"INTRUDER in the Dust" (Ophir, Tel Aviv) is an almost literal adaptation of the Faulkner novel of the same name, only the almost epical psychological analysis of the justice-seeking boy having been dropped. The Negro, in immediate danger of lynching, his lawyer, the sheriff, the courageous spinster, and the howling mob are convincingly recreated. The portrayal of the town reflects the background of dullness and tension against which the action develops. Juano Hernandez and David Brian are excellent, and Clarence Brown's direction is outstanding. *Mo.*

Blood and Indians

"TWO Flags West" (Ora, Haifa) describes the adventures of a cavalry unit made up in part of Confederate prisoners of the Civil War who were freed by President Lincoln to serve in the common defence against the Indians. Joseph Cotten, the leader of the group stationed at a lonely New Mexico fort, is suspicious of Yankee motives behind the offer. The Northerners, on the other hand, doubt the newcomers' loyalty and try to get rid of them by creating an opportunity for their desertion. Yet blood is thicker than water; and both Southerners and Northerners rally to stave off together a large Apache attack on the post, done in the grand manner of the old silent Westerns. Linda Darnell is the Spanish beauty from Monterey, a widow stranded at the fort during a visit to her brother-in-law, the commandant. Cornel Wilde also has his role. A straight story with which to pass an evening pleasantly, without any special highlights of film technique.

Irish Land Rebellion

"CAPTAIN Boycott" (Armon, Haifa) is an Eagle-Lion film on the Irish land troubles of 1880. Interwoven with the historical events, which gave rise to the term "boycott," is the fictional story of the farmers' leader (Stewart Granger) and his ripening love for the daughter (Kathleen Ryan) of one who makes the mistake of accepting the farm of an evicted tenant and thereby arouses the ire of the local inhabitants. The arty handling of the film is so polished that the cast fails to translate discontent and rebelliousness from history book statements into full dramatic effect. The photography is beautiful and catches the spirit of the Mayo countryside. *H.*

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Readers' Letters

SCHEME CRITICIZED

To the Sports Editor of The POST

Sir, — Reading the news about the Israel Football Association's decision to organize regular League games next season I was perturbed by the proposal that the 11th placed team in the First League should play the two first sides in the Second League in a promotion-decider tournament.

Having regard to the efforts which a Second League side has to make to complete a 26-game programme, because of the high cost of travel and of equipment, and the comparative small crowds attending this League matches, this idea of a final knock-out competition is unfair. Abroad, where there are three or four Second League set-ups, such a tournament is necessary, but in Israel, with the Second League playing in two districts only, the suggestion is most unfair to the top two Second League sides. The efforts of a whole season's matches and promotion chances would be at stake in one game.

This competition, in my opinion, would also make room for abuses which occurred last time such as when the first team loaned some of their players to a member team of its organization who were fighting for promotion. There is also the other side of the picture typified by the story of one team last season who were unable to turn out for a game because not less than seven of their players were called up for Reserve Duty in the Army. Should this happen during one of the proposed tournament games it would obviously be most unfair to the team concerned.

It is hoped that the above points will be taken into consideration when a final decision is made on the proposed League's promotion and relegation rules for next season.

Yours etc.
A. GILEADI
Kiryat Motzkin, July 31.

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6½% Brazil "B"	82	82
4% Japan	65½	66
Anglo-Iranian Oil	106/1½	106/1½
Ashanti Goldfields	26/10½	26/10½
Brakpan	19/6	19/6
British Aluminium	42/3	42/3
Burmah Oil	63/1½	62/6
Carreras "A"	111/3	111/3
Cosol. Zinc	32/3¾	32/6
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Jerusalem Electric	9/9	9/9
Marks & Spencer	100/9	92/9
Mexican Eagles	26/3	26/6
Morris Mot.	41/4½	41/9
North Broken Hill	73/1½	73/1½
Pal. Electric	18/9	18/9
Rhokana Corp.	22⅛c.c.	22
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Shell Transport	87/6	88/1½
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Today's POST BAG

THE WEATHER

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Haifa	—	—	—	29
Nathanya	70	23	30	29
Tel Aviv	77	24	28	27
Lydda	68	23	33	31
Jerusalem	60	17	27	28
Beersheba	—	22	—	31

A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maxim. temp. expected today.

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1,114 NEWCOMERS from Rumania arrived yesterday in the s.s. Transilvania.... Twenty-two immigrants arrived from Bulgaria in the s.s. Nicola Vaptzarov.

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For assaulting an employee of the Jewish Agency's Housing Department in Tel Aviv while applying for accommodation, Aryeh Berkovitz, of Jaffa, was yesterday fined IL.30, with an alternative of ten days in prison, by the Tel Aviv Magistrate Mr. E. Giladi.... **Rashi Dumina**, of Beit Nabala, was yesterday remanded and released on IL.100 bail by Magistrate I. Ben Hanoch for disturbing the peace while applying for housing at the Jewish Agency in Jaffa.

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For being in possession of four grams of hashish, I. Peretz, 29, of Jaffa, was sentenced yesterday to three months' imprisonment by Tel Aviv Magistrate Mr. E. Malchi.

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Six persons were yesterday sentenced by the Tel Aviv Traffic Court to a fine of IL.2 each for smoking in buses.

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Two Nazareth Arabs were detained yesterday and released on bail pending their trial on charges of transporting 140 cases of [illegible] from Nazareth to Tel Aviv without a licence.

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Mr. A. Wallin, father of the late Mr. S. Wallin, who was killed during the War of Liberation, is asked to communicate with the Tel Aviv Municipality.

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An American tourist, Mr. Meyer Steinhardt, reported to the police yesterday that his wallet had been stolen while riding on the Jerusalem train to Tel Aviv on Sunday night. The wallet contained a ticket to the U.S., five Travellers' Cheques of $10 each and IL.22.

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The Council of the World Hebrew Union will open today at 10 a.m. at Hotel Tel Aviv in Jerusalem with Council Chairman Ya'akov Cohen presiding.

IL.1.8m. Budget For Petah Tikva

PETAH TIKVA, Monday (ITIM). — The Petah Tikva Municipal Council late last night approved by eight votes to four the proposed Development Budget which provides for an expenditure of IL.1,871,900 and a revenue of IL.1,873,000. The Budget, which is covered by bank and Government loans, calls for a national park, the construction of a central bus station, schools, a wholesale market and for the development of the industrial area.

Mr. L. Zahavi (General Zionist) explained his party's opposition, saying that the council had refused to apportion IL.30,000 for the construction of Tipat Halav stations in areas recently brought under the Municipality's jurisdiction.

Youth Leaders Needed For 3 Years' Service

Youth Aliya will attempt to recruit youth leaders from abroad for service periods of 3½ years to relieve the shortage of workers that has arisen due to the acceleration of youth immigration in the past four years, Dr. Hanoch Reinhold, Head of the Youth Aliya's Education Department, told a world conference of the organization's workers at Bet Shalom in Jerusalem yesterday.

The one-day conference, which was opened with a tribute to Henrietta Szold by Mrs. Bertha Schoolman, Co-Chairman of the Youth Aliya Management Committee, was attended by Youth Aliya workers from Hadassah, Pioneer Women and Mizrahi in the United States, from South Africa, from Israel and other countries.

Dr. Reinhold, in his talk, described the attempt to achieve a synthesis between the benefits of education in communal settlements and those of institutional training by the establishment of Youth Aliya "corners" on the periphery of settlements.

Regarding the leaders from abroad, Dr. Reinhold said they would spend 1½ years in training and two years in actual leadership work. Dr. Reinhold also emphasized the problem of the proper approach to children from Oriental communities, who now make up 60 to 70 per cent of the new arrivals.

From Morocco via France

At present, the largest number of Youth Aliya wards comes from Rumania, Iraq and Morocco, respectively, Mr. David Umansky, administrative head of the project, told the conference. In the future, however, Morocco will be the main source of children. About 200 candidates from Morocco now come to Israel every month via France, where they spend two months in transit camps in order to receive medical and other treatment, he said. Some 500 to 600 wards in all, some of them from abroad and some from Sha'ar Ha'aliya Reception Centre and ma'barot, are new accepted each month.

Mr. Moshe Kol, Director of the Jewish Agency's Child and Youth Aliya Department, stated that whereas 20,000 children had been absorbed between 1934 and 1946, 30,000 from 60 countries had been cared for since the last Congress. Youth Aliya should aim to raise the number to 100,000 by the next Congress, he said.

Due to financial difficulties, however, the Department decided to accept only youths of 14 years and over, Mr. Kol said. The exception to the rule would be orphans under 14, half-orphans, and unaccompanied children. He told the delegates that the organization was in financial straits due to the rise in the cost of living. The Jewish Agency Executive had somewhat relieved the pressure when it decided to retract a decision of September, 1950, which had cut the 1950-51 budget by IL.500,000. Nonetheless, although the maintenance cost per child had been reduced to IL.4 per month, Mr. Kol said, Youth Aliya still was operating on a considerable deficit. He therefore appealed to all organizations represented at the conference to make an all-out effort for Youth Aliya.

Occupational Training

Dr. Alexander Dushkin, Chairman of the Educational Advisory Committee, told the conference of the organization's attempt to satisfy the desire of its wards for occupational training without violating its goal of preparing them for life on the land. To this end, a series of twelve-week continuation courses had been set up at the Rural Vocational Centre near Ben Shemen for a selection of gifted pupils recruited from Youth Aliya groups in kibbutzim of various trends.

A special village outside Ben Shemen would be built for this purpose and equipped with machinery already on the way from Sweden and the U.S.

In the evening, an exchange of views took place between leaders and workers abroad and in Israel, with the participation of Youth Aliya's panel of experts, which consists of the Heads of the Medical, Psychiatric-Social, Social Welfare, Supply, Financial, Building and Statistical Departments, and of the Seminars for Leaders and for Religious Leaders.

The conference was presented with the first copies of an attractive new Youth Aliya publication in English, entitled "Fifty Stories, True to Life, of 50 Youth Aliya Wards from 30 Different Countries."

Doctors' Refusals to Pay Night Calls Criticized

The refusal of many doctors in Jerusalem to make night visits was criticized for the second successive day yesterday when the Coroner issued a report on the death last March of a 61-year-old man from a heart attack.

The same point was brought up on Sunday night at the meeting of the Jerusalem Municipal Council when sharp criticism was levelled at doctors in the capital who refuse to make night calls.

Coroner Y. Kirschbaum reported that after Mr. Yehuda Menashe, of the Katamon quarter, fell ill, his sister searched for a doctor for more than two hours. One woman doctor claimed she was ill, another physician refused to open the door, while still another refused to go.

Only after the sick man's sister called the police was the doctor forced to visit the victim.

But by the time the doctor reached the patient, he was dead.

El Al Carries Drug To Save Child

NEW YORK, Monday (INA). — El Al participated in an errand of mercy yesterday when an El Al Constellation, piloted by Captain M. Tushak, left Idlewild airport carrying a packet containing a new drug to be trans-shipped from London to Lisbon to save the life of a Portuguese child stricken with spinal meningitis.

An appeal for the drug was transmitted by a Portuguese amateur radio operator and received by a New York amateur who immediately procured the drug from a manufacturer and rushed it to Idlewild where Captain Tushak agreed to take the packet and hand it over in London to a Lisbon-bound B.O.A.C. pilot.

Bus Official Warns Of Curtailment

TEL AVIV, Monday (ITIM). — Inter-urban bus traffic may be drastically curtailed in the near future when several hundred buses will be taken off the roads because of the shortage of tyres and spare parts, Mr. A.M. Weisbrot, general manager of Egged and spokesman for the Action Committee of the Egged, Shahar, and Drom Yehuda bus co-operatives said today.

Mr. Weisbrot added that even if these shortages were remedied he doubted whether the co-operatives could continue operations at present fare levels.

Mr. Weisbrot told reporters at a press conference this morning that since 1948 the population had doubled and the travelling public had quadrupled whereas the three co-operatives had received only 333 new buses in addition to the original 590.

Explaining the shortage of tyres, Mr. Weisbrot pointed out that since the start of rationing in 1950 the three co-operatives together had been allocated 1,350 tyres.

Their yearly consumption of 8,000 had been covered until now from reserves, which were now completely exhausted, and from the 1,156 tyres which were received together with the 333 new buses from the U.S. The buses now running were using worn and re-treaded tyres of inferior quality. The authorities had permitted the co-operatives to spend $200,000 in the U.S. to purchase 2,000 new tyres, but they are not expected before September. Together with this order placed under the import-without-payment scheme, the companies had also ordered 50 new vehicles and were making efforts to receive an additional $250,000 allocation for further tyres.

The co-operatives had doubled their membership since 1948, but they were still suffering from a lack of manpower as many members were leaving. He called on the travelling public to show more consideration for the drivers who were working under great strain.

Boy Among 6 Hurt In Haifa Ice Lines

HAIFA, Monday. — Two persons were hospitalized and four injured slightly in ice queue disturbances and accidents here today.

Seven-year-old Moshe Krankenbretten was among those injured this morning when a youth, Sami Gamal Nissiach, tried to bring order to a queue in Rehov Khouri by moving the ice van a few metres. The child was taken to Government Hospital.

Michael Blank, 64, was thrown to the ground and trampled by an unruly crowd in Rehov Yehuda Halevi this morning. He was admitted to Government Hospital.

Ice queues begin to form in Haifa before dawn. Some people have been seen taking blankets with them and resting while waiting for the appearance of the ice man.

6 Held After Clash In Beersheba

BEERSHEBA, Monday. — Police arrested six men this afternoon after stopping a disturbance at the Negev Committee's offices here.

Nineteen men, who had immigrated a year ago from Persia and are now living at Moshav Maslul (formerly Imara "B"), had come to claim housing in the vicinity of Haifa or Tel Aviv claiming they "had already spent one year in the Negev."

Upon being told that they were not entitled to housing on that basis they assaulted the Negev Authority officials present and smashed some furniture.

Warning Walkout At Power Firm

About 280 employees of the Jerusalem Electric Corporation held a two-hour warning strike at 11 a.m. yesterday in their drive for higher wages. It was the first strike ever to be called at the company.

During negotiations the company said that the average rise of 20 per cent demanded by the workers would have to be passed on to the public in the form of higher rates. It was stated that the Government fixed the current rates according to the company's present expenses.

The Histadrut Executive in Jerusalem last night decided to approve a strike if the pay demands are not accepted.

Black Market Suspects Out on Bail

TEL AVIV, Monday (ITIM). — The 12 greengrocers detained in the Carmel and Ha'aliya markets following police searches yesterday for allegedly selling their goods at inflated prices were today released on bail ranging from IL.50 to IL.300 each by Magistrate I. Oesterer.

Link-Up of Border Armies in Burma

RANGOON, Monday (Reuter). — Underground Burmese Communists who have been fighting the Government for three years are "beginning to contact Chinese Communists for a link-up," the independent English daily, "The Burman," reported today.

Meanwhile on the other side of the frontier, Chinese Communist armies are reported to be battling with thousands of Chinese Nationalist troops attempting to enter the country from Burmese territory where they were driven by Mao Tse-tung's forces in 1949.

The newspaper said the Burmese Communists, badly mauled by Government troops, were pulling out of southern Burma and gradually moving towards upper Burma, which borders China. Communist activities had increased in the last few weeks in upper Burma, where several cases of railway sabotage had been reported, it said.

Observers here thought that, though the Communists had organized a joint anti-Government front with the Karen rebels and other insurgent groups, they could not withstand the continued Government onslaught and were forced to seek outside help. Cleared from their hideouts, they might now organize a last-ditch defence line along Burma's troubled northeast frontier.

These sources said that if the Government's drive was intensive, the Burma Communists might be forced to cross into China, like the Kachin rebel leader, Naw Seng. He was reported to have escaped into China after starting a rebellion in Burma's Shan states in 1949 and is believed to be organizing a force in Yunan province to re-enter Burma.

HacohenSaysHeWas Not Shown Report

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Mr. David Hacohen, one of the Mapai representatives on the Parliamentary Committee that investigated the Jalameh detention camp incident, issued a statement today dissassociating himself from the findings.

He said that owing to indisposition he had not attended the last two meetings at which the report was drafted.

He complained against the action of the chairman, Mrs. Hannah Lamdan (Mapam) in putting his name to the report without having shown him a copy.

Mr. Hacohen in particular objected to the part of the report which stated that the top rung of a ladder in the camp had been electrified. He claimed that the statement was based on an assertion by a man accompanying the committee who said he had received a shock when he climbed it.

No member of the committee had witnessed the incident, and the statement had not been investigated, Mr. Hacohen said.

Inexperienced Wardens

The assertion in the report that the Police guard had not appeared capable of "sadistic deeds" created the impression that sadistic deeds had been perpetrated, Mr. Hacohen continued.

He agreed, however, that the treatment of the prisoners had been unlawful and an affront to human dignity. He said the difficulty arose from the fact that inexperienced policemen had been posted in the camp.

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Margarine, Mayonnaise Strike Threatened

HAIFA, Monday. — The 150 workers of Palestine Edible Products, Ltd., manufacturers of Blue Band margarine and Telma mayonnaise, said today they would strike on Thursday unless the company meets their demands for a 10 per cent general wage increase and improved allowances and social benefits.

Festival Visitors Glimpse W. Berlin

BERLIN, Monday (Reuter). — Thousands of Germans, attending the World Youth Festival which opened in East Berlin yesterday, have threaded their way through groups of East German police and street barricades to take a look at the Western sector. Five members of the Free German Youth stayed in West Berlin after getting political asylum, a West Berlin official said today.

City officials said four or five thousand were counted in the Western part of the city yesterday and today, in spite of 160 street barricades.

Today's events began with a regatta on an East Berlin lake. Later, thousands of delegates paraded past the Soviet war memorial in East Berlin's Treptow park. Young negroes accompanied the U.S. delegation which carried a dipped American flag and a banner reading "The peace-loving youth of America honours the dead of the Soviet Army."

Non-Communist Youth Gather

ITHACA, NEW YORK, Monday (Reuter). — Five hundred representatives of 63 non-Communist countries yesterday attended the official opening of the World Assembly of Youth at Cornell University here.

Throughout the ten-day assembly, the delegates will discuss and plan action to be taken by their own groups on questions of concern to youth of all nations with the general aim of implementing the Human Rights Declaration of the United Nations.

The chief purpose of W.A.Y. has been described as an exchange of ideas and information in the cause of peace.

High Court Stays Action Against Mukhtar's Land

Hassan Aslan, the mukhtar of Umm el-Faraj, near Nahariya, yesterday charged in the High Court that the Treasury had expropriated eight dunams of his land in order to facilitate the expulsion of other villagers. The Court granted the mukhtar and his brother an interim order stopping all action against their property.

In June, 1950, the Custodian of Absentee Property had declared the applicants to be "absentees." The mukhtar, however, claims that this step was taken in bad faith and intended solely to "cover up" a previous attempt to lease the land to the nearby Ben Ami settlement.

The applicants furthermore contend that while their petition asking the Haifa District Court to determine the ownership was still pending, the Treasury this July expropriated for the Government eight dunams of land, located in a strategic position in the village. The applicants were later told that the land had been given to Ben Ami.

The mukhtar informed the Court that the settlement had chopped down 150 trees on election day to construct a road and that he had been notified that his house, located on the land in question, would be torn down next. "The road is solely a matter of comfort — and not of necessity — to Ben Ami," the petition to the High Court asserts.

The Court was composed of Dr. Smoira, President, and Justices Agranat and Silberg. Advocate G. Czerniak appeared for the mukhtar.

For allegedly refusing to sell [illegible], Yitzhak Ben Ya'acov, a Tel Aviv wholesale greengrocer, was yesterday remanded by Magistrate Mr. I. Oesterer and was released on IL.300 bail.

Ex-Mufti Charges Legion Atrocities

CAIRO, Monday (UP). — Haj Amin el-Husseini, the former Mufti of Jerusalem, yesterday charged the Arab Legion with killing, robbing and persecuting Palestine Arabs in Jordan.

He told a press conference that "the Arab Legion and the Jordan police, in other words Glubb Pasha, killed women and children" and attacked refugee camps. These atrocities, he said, were committed in front of Arab and foreign eyewitnesses. He exonerated the Jordanian people from responsibility for the alleged atrocities and said the Arab Legion was only Glubb's private army.

Asked to comment on reported attempts to unify Jordan and Iraq, el-Husseini replied that any union of Arabs was good unless it brought them under foreign domination. "There will not be any stability in the Middle East until Imperialism is wiped out," he declared.

Disclaims Terror

The British had hinted that he was connected with the "lamentable assassination" of King Abdullah in order to serve their "imperialist" interests in the Arab world by the creation of feuds among the Arab leaders, he said. As a result the Jordan Government had persecuted his relatives and friends and had asked Cairo to limit his activities.

"Individual acts of terrorism or political assassination never did and never will enter the programme of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee or its leader," he declared. Referring to Israel, he said: "Our objectives have never changed. We shall throw the Zionists out of Palestine and the British out of all the Arab countries."

Amboynese Riot In Holland

MIDDELBURG, HOLLAND, Monday (UP). — The municipal police retreated to the Town Hall here last night as furious Amboynese rioted through the streets. The police were under standing orders not to use weapons in any clash with the Amboynese, who came from Indonesia where their fanatic loyalty to the Dutch made their position untenable after Indonesia won its independence.

Military and state police restored order, released the besieged municipal police and occupied the Amboynese camp — one of many set up here. No casualties were reported.

The clash followed a number in various other camps. In one of these Dutch officials forced the Amboynese to take down the flag of the self-proclaimed Amboynese "Republic of the South Moluccas" which they had hoisted in addition to the Dutch tricolour.

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Cables in Brief

REFUSAL. — Japan's Socialist Party yesterday formally rejected an invitation to join the Japanese delegation to the San Francisco Peace Conference in September.

DECORATION. — The town of Miesenthal, in the Moselle valley, has been awarded the Croix de Guerre for organizing an escape route for Allied prisoners of war during World War II.

PETITION. — Italy's "Partisans of Peace" claim that over 15m. people, almost a quarter of the population, have signed the "Berlin Appeal" for a Five-Power pact.

E.C.A. Plans Higher Productivity

LONDON, Monday (Reuter). — A new programme to boost productivity in Britain and other West European countries has reached its final drafting stage, the Economic Cooperation Administration announced here today.

The Marshall Plan Organization said the new plan was designed to help West European nations to help themselves in efforts to achieve security and higher living standards. The programme, introduced by the Marshall Plan Administrator, Mr. William C. Foster, as "number one effort in Europe in the coming year," will be run largely by Europeans themselves, E.C.A. said.

Help will be given whenever possible to government-al, industrial and labour groups, as well as to individuals and factories, aimed towards increasing productivity, E.C.A. said. It is believed that greater productivity should provide higher wages for workers, lower prices for consumers and a fair return for the capital employed.

Ration News

Rations of staples to be distributed this month are —

White Sugar: 800 grams, Aleph 11, temporary 1 to complete the June ration. For infants, Aleph, 750-gram June ration, August rations of 1 kilo, for infants 1,800 grams, is to be announced soon.

White Flour: 500 grams, 343 punched, temporary 13.

Fats: 1 kilo consisting of 300 grams oil, Bet 11 punched, temporary 3; 30 grams margarine, 346 and 347 punched, temporary 9 and 10; 400 grams butter, 344 and 345 punched, temporary 5 and 6. Details of date of current rations and those of past months are to appear shortly.

Rice: 200 grams to class Aleph, Bet, Gimel (up to 18 years), 348 punched, temporary 21.

Coffee-Tea: (Ration No.8) 120 grams coffee (or 100 grams tea or 60 grams coffee and 50 grams tea), Lamed 21 and Lamed 31, temporary 21, 31.

Soap: (Ration No.9) 400-gram bar of laundry soap, 100-gram bar toilet soap, 361, 362, temporary 25, 24. Double rations to infants, Aleph. Detergents: August-September ration, 1 bottle. Empty bottle must be brought. Laundry Powder: 250 grams, no coupons.

Jam: 300 grams. Details on undistributed portion of July ration to appear during this month.

Pulses: 500 grams, no coupon.

Egg powder: Continued distribution of July-August ration of 100 grams. No coupons.

Cornflour: 450 grams on Aleph cards. No coupons.

Biscuits: 400 grams for infants, Aleph. No coupons.

Yellow Cheese: 100 grams. No coupon.

Sweets: Continued distribution of July ration, 200 grams. No coupon.

Full Milk Powder: 454-gram tin for infants, Aleph. No coupon.

Meat and egg coupons for August: Meat: 1) Gimel 1, Gimel 11; 2) Gimel 21; 3) Gimel 31; 4) Gimel 41. Temporary: 1) 16, 16; 2) 12; 3) 11; 4) 10. Eggs: 1) Zayin 1; 2) Zayin 11; 3) Zayin 21; 4) Zayin 31. Temporary: 1) 3; 2) 4; 3) 7; 4) 8.

Personal Notices

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A WEEK has passed since the general election, and there is yet no evidence of the first stage of the process of choosing a new government. Although ninety-eight per cent of the ballot boxes were counted in the first 24 hours, the results of the tallying of the remaining thirty are still to be announced. Because of the complicated system of checking names against each one of the fifteen hundred separate voters' lists in as many balloting stations, it has taken until today to compute total results.

CHANGES AND CHANCES

Under the law, the Second Knesset must be convened within ten days of the date of publication of the 120 names of the new Knesset members.

It is only after the inaugural declarations of the members, that the President can begin his consultations with the party leaders on their views of the composition of the new government. The hard bargaining between the parties begins at this point. In the meantime, the old Coalition which resigned six months ago continues to carry the burden of government.

It is interesting, if idle, to speculate whether the Coalition still carrying on as a caretaker government, if it were to be presented to the Second Knesset, would command approximately the same majority it enjoyed when it took office a year ago. The changes, at any rate, that have come about as the result of last week's polls have been confined almost entirely to a readjustment of forces among the opposition parties. The General Zionists have gained about a dozen seats while Mapam, on the left, and Herut, on the right, have lost approximately the same number. The old coalition has lost a few seats previously held by the Sephardim, but gained a few more Arab votes instead, so that the balance of forces between the Coalition and the opposition remains, on the whole, about the same.

What it comes to is that last week's election has left the country with an "as you were" situation. But the previous coalition was neither broad nor firm enough and it collapsed when the principle of collective responsibility was jettisoned by the Religious Bloc. The problems attaching to the future coalition should, therefore, be carefully studied in order to avoid the risks of a coalition with a perilously small majority, subject to the defection of any party in the coalition, no matter how small. In normal times, as the experience of other countries tells us, a Government can rule with a very small majority. In times of crisis, compromise is a common duty, and parties of even widely divergent views should be brought in to share responsibility. Israel's present position is such that all political leaders would do well, in the national interest, to try and narrow the area of differences without sacrifice of principle. To say this is neither to belittle the honest differences nor to minimize the difficulty of bridging them, but to suggest that a determined effort must be made.

In four years' time, perhaps, a new election under a constituency system might produce a more homogeneous government with at least fifty per cent of the electorate behind it. President Truman received only forty-nine point five per cent of the votes in 1948. Until then, however, a broad-based Cabinet is the only guarantee of stability, on the need for which there is agreement on all sides.

Public Maps in T.A. To Guide Tourists

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Twelve city maps have been posted by the Municipality in centrally-located areas. They bear inscriptions in Hebrew and Latin characters, and are intended to serve newcomers and tourists.

BAD WATER AND HARD FISHING

Elath Pioneers' Burning Problems

By ELIAHU SALPETER

This is the last of a series of articles by Jerusalem Post reporters on a recent press tour of the Negev.

The others appeared on July 19, 20, 25 and 27.



Government House at Elath — Photo by Rubinger

ELATH is the focal point of interest to everyone visiting the Negev.

But if you come down to Elath, your romanticism is apt to evaporate in the hot dry weather, to break up against the hundreds of major and minor troubles you have to encounter daily. By its geographical situation Elath is the focus of the two big problems of the Negev: water and distance. The first problem is a permanent one, the second is felt less when the regular plane arrives, more when it does not.

While a third problem, that of a port, is of course, an international one, depending on Egypt's attitude and on peace between Israel and the Arabs, and is, therefore, more or less, a question of time, nevertheless, the first two problems, water and roads, are internal problems which must be solved now to prepare Elath for the time when the third problem is overcome.

Medical Problem of Water

The local Kupat Holim doctor, a new immigrant from Budapest, explained the vicious circle: "You drink the water and you get diarrhoea which takes away a lot of water from your body. Therefore you become even more thirsty, you drink more and you get even stronger diarrhoea. Yes, it could be stopped by some strong anti-laxative, like opium. But you cannot keep a whole settlement permanently living on opium.

"I am not a manual worker, I am a doctor who knows how harmful this constant drinking is. But still I drink at least 12 litres of water a day. A worker drinks about 20 litres. It would be a waste of effort to tell him not to drink. At least two things are required to solve the problem: water without magnesium, which means water purified either chemically or mechanically, and water that is cold, which means refrigerators or an ice plant. Yes, I know it costs a lot of money to erect a filtration station and an ice plant. But it is much less expensive than ruining the health of the people here."

No Refrigerators

"There is no refrigerator even in the infirmary. The heat spoils all medicaments containing albumins and also all anti-biotics. And sometimes a life depends on these. I cannot perform an operation for acute appendicitis even in the worst of cases. The patient has to be taken to a hospital. And that means first a radio message, than arranging for a plane to come down which depends on the weather. In short, it takes about 8-10 hours at least before the patient is in the operating theatre. He can survive only if I give him a strong dose of penicillin or streptomycin while we wait for the plane. But I have no penicillin or streptomycin, as it got spoiled long ago because I could not keep it cold.

"There are other problems too. For example, the fact that the workers' canteen is not clean. But that is a minor thing. It is ice and pure water that is important. Unless these problems are solved, I'm afraid of what will happen when the planned ma'bara is set up," concluded the doctor.

Fishing Cooperative

According to the plans, there should be a separate fishing harbour in Elath and a whole fishing quarter. But the fishing cooperative, which should be the kernel of the future fishing industry is on the verge of dissolving. The fishermen claim that it is useless to go out to sea as they cannot sell their catch in Elath. They cannot transport it regularly by plane and when they tried to send it by cars it arrived at the market spoiled.

Actually, the problem may be quite the opposite. They are catching too little to make the trade profitable. The bay of Elath is an unexplored area as far as fisheries are concerned. A group of experts from the Fisheries Department of the Ministry of Agriculture are now experimenting in the bay, but there have not been any results so far.

In the upper part of the bay, trawling is impossible because the corals on the sea-bottom would destroy the nets. The Italian method of fishing with lights at night has also proved unsatisfactory so far.

The fishermen therefore engage in upper level fishing near the shores and catch an average of 100-150 kilos. This is too small a quantity to ship daily by plane to Tel Aviv and there is no cold storage to collect a few days' catch. To send a load of a ton by air would still be profitable, the fishermen say, as the Elath fish are better than those from the Mediterranean and are selling well to the restaurants.

Electrician Wanted

All troubles of Elath are aired in the canteen of the cooperative hotel. In one corner of the canteen stands a modern cafeteria unit: ice cream freezers, beer and soda taps and a milk shaker. But the only soft drinks you can get are hot tea or hot coffee, both of them "with natural magnesia."

Actually one electrician could solve 50 per cent of the water problem. In the canteen they have refrigeration units and there are also the power generators for the needed electricity. But there is no expert electrician to connect the two. "I was in Tel Aviv twice trying to get somebody to come down to fix it, but no electrician is willing to come," a member of the cooperative complained.

Even more worrying than all these troubles is a growing feeling among the people of Elath, that the government is not wholeheartedly interested in the development of the town — a feeling that "the people in Hakiryah" are not quite willing to back their "tzionut" by deeds.

KOREAN PEACE MAY RELEASE CHINESE SUPPLIES

INDO-CHINA BAFFLES FRENCH

By THEODORE H. WHITE

PARIS. — NO people except the warring participants are watching the truce-making effort in Korea with greater interest than the French. For when and if peace arrives in Korea, there comes a moment of opportunity for the entire Orient. In that moment it may be possible to settle the deepest-rooted and longest war now going on there: the war of the French with the Communist-led rebels of their Indo-Chinese colony.

The trouble is that no one in Paris today knows how to take advantage of this opportunity.

This confusion wells up from two sources. There is, first, the fact that the new French National Assembly has not yet decided on the men to run its government. Thus, for these critical weeks of decision, France, as so often happens, has no national spokesman or policy-maker.

Cost of War

The French war in Indo-China is the most exhausting of all the adventures this country has launched since the war. It has been going on for four and a half years, three and one half years longer than the war in Korea. It has taken out of France more money than the Marshall Plan has put in. It has cost France 9,000 men killed; it is holding down a French army of 180,000 men at this moment and sucking out of France the best officers and non-coms she needs to build the home defences she has promised under the Atlantic alliance.

Each year of this war, the Communist-led rebels have grown in strength. Each time the French have added to their troops out in Asia, the addition barely kept up with the increase in enemy strength.

The Communist rebels have grown not so much in numbers as in combat efficiency and the savvy of modern fighting. At present the Communist rebels have about 150,000 men in their army, and their infantry, say the French, is as good as the French infantry. What gives the French still the upper hand is their superior aircraft, their tanks, and the flow of American equipment. The French have now sent out to Indo-China a first-class commander from the home army, Gen. Jean de Lattre de Tassigny, whose brilliance and flair have revived the failing will of the French expeditionary corps in the past six months. But in the past year the officer corps and command of the rebels has also markedly improved, chiefly because of training and advice from the Chinese Communists.

The present lull in Korea, and the prospect of peace there, worries the French as much as it pleases them.

Rainy Season

They do not believe that the Chinese Communists will send troops across the border to Indo-China as they did across the border to the Korean war. They fear, however, that the end of the Korean war will release enough supplies in China to permit Peiping greatly to increase the small trickle of arms she has been sparing the Indo-Chinese rebels all the past year. China can not produce tanks, planes, trucks or heavy artillery for the rebels. But it little realized that China has half-a-dozen small arsenals which can turn out sizeable quantities of machine-guns, rifles, small arms ammunition and mortars — just the stuff the rebels need.

The international lull which peace in Korea may bring is underlined by another lull on the Indo-China battlefield. There is the rainy season, and the opposing armies are nearly at rest under the monsoons. The dry season begins at the end of September. It was last year's dry season that ushered in the shattering rebel offensive which wiped out the French positions in northern Tonkin and reduced them to their present state of siege about the major centres of Hanoi and Haiphong. These two months of general settlement and local quiet are, therefore, doubly precious if talks for a settlement are to begin.

Thus, if anyone can think of an idea for a fair and honorable settlement, the French will be delighted. For they themselves are nearly barren of ideas.

The main streams of French thought on Indo-China can be easily summarized:

Native Government

First, there is the official policy of the French Government. This policy is to build up a government of native Indo-Chinese to fight against the Communists on their own. The French have established an Indo-Chinese emperor, His Majesty Bao Dai, to oppose Communist Ho Chi-Minh, and are trying to create for him an army of his own to fight the Communists. There are now 96,000 such troops, in the native "loyalist" army, organized in some four badly equipped skeletal divisions. The trouble is that these troops lack native officers and non-coms desperately.

The French are doing their best to train officers but it is agonizingly slow work. Only 150 have yet been trained and 250 more are in training for an army expected to reach more than 100,000 in a few months. No one can guess when, if ever, this native army can take over the burden of combat on their own soil from the hard-pressed French.

Second, many Frenchmen, particularly the French Socialist party, have thought that an international round-table similar to that which got the Dutch out of the Indies might let the French slip out of the war gracefully. But the French Government as a whole has been adamantly set against "internationalization" of the Indo-China war. Some members of the Government simply do not want to give up their old colony; others do not see what an international conference can do to control the Communists who demand total surrender from the French.

Third, several Frenchmen, among them some very hard-headed men, simply advocate quitting and leaving the colony to the Communists. They feel the burden of saving distant Indo-China from Communism may so wreck French strength as to make impossible the task of defending the homeland.

Partition Possibility

Fourth, one or two high cabinet ministers have been talking of dividing Indo-China with the Communists, as Korea will probably be divided. They would leave to the Communists northern Indo-China adjacent to Communist China, and keep for the French Union Cochin-China where French control is now, and always has been, most effective.

Only one new idea has occurred to the French in the past few weeks. It comes from some of the officials most intimately concerned with Indo-China, the men who in the past two years have tried to institute basic reforms in the colony and give it enough autonomy to win back its loyalty. They suggest that France might be willing to let the people of Indo-China vote under international supervision on the question of government, if the Communist rebels are willing to do likewise. But until the new French Assembly decides on what kind of government France will have in the next few months, this idea remains only a frail suggestion of colonial officials.

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The 1951 manoeuvres of the Israel Defence Army, will test the fighting ability of the different services — their knowledge of how to defend the borders of the country and to carry the battle to the invaders' land. Thus, the soldiers and units called up for Reserve duty will face the test of preparedness for any eventuality, likely to face an acting Commander in a state of emergency. The exercises will emulate battle conditions of "invaders", and defenders. All the methods of modern warfare will be observed during the manoeuvres, and full freedom of initiative will be given to "attacker" and "attacked".

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Public Relations Department,
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Readers' Letters

SAFEGUARDING MILK

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — The news item in your issue of Friday regarding pasteurized milk and milk products is of fundamental importance and the public, I feel, is entitled to additional information. After reading the news item one is left in a state of doubt and confusion. On the one hand "Tnuva officials maintain that their pasteurization system guarantees the complete elimination of bacteria," while on the other hand "at least one bacteriologist and one food technologist" contradict this. One is given no authoritative statement whatsoever. It is surprising, to say the least, that there is no mention at all of the Government Health Department. Surely they, above any other official body, are concerned in this matter and it is to be expected that a "call on the population to take all possible precautions" should come from the Health Department and not from such a vaguely designated group as "pediatricians in the north" and "veterinarians of the Ministry of Agriculture."

If it is correct that "pasteurized" milk and milk products such as lebeniya are not free of T.B. organisms, one would like to know how such a disgraceful situation has arisen. Pasteurized milk, by definition, is milk in which all known harmful bacteria have been destroyed; to apply the label "pasteurized" to products which are not truly germ-free is to lull the public into a false sense of security and to commit a highly immoral act. One is entitled to know whether there is any supervision of the Tnuva pasteurization plant by the Government Health Department and whether such supervision does not also cover arrangements for sterilization of bottles. There appears to the average intelligent mother (who sterilises her baby's bottles daily) to be no excuse whatsoever for "haphazard" sterilization.

The whole tone of the recommendations by the experts you quote is that the onus is now on the public "to take all possible precautions." This is an unforgivable attitude. To advise the public simply to deprive itself of some of its staple food items (leben and lebeniya) is a purely negative approach; furthermore, with the food supply position as it is today, such advice will probably not be accepted (nor will it reach) a large part of the public and the consumption of infected milk products will in all likelihood continue.

The major onus in this matter, surely, rests on the various authorities concerned to undertake a thorough investigation and to bring about an improvement in the situation.

Yours etc.
ANXIOUS MOTHER
Jerusalem.

FROM COL. DE RIDDER

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,— While thoroughly appreciative of the Israel firefighters' offer to assist at the putting out of the fire at Augusta Victoria Hospital on Saturday, I would nevertheless like to request you to correct the following inaccuracies which appeared in your report of the fire:

1) I am not the Acting Chief of Staff of the T.S.O. I am the Chairman of the H.J.K.-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission.

2) I did not request Israel's assistance.

Yours etc.
BENNETT de RIDDER
Colonel, Chairman
H.J.K.-Israel M.A.C.
Jerusalem, August 6

MENAHEM SCHMITT

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — For ten years I followed Menahem Schmitt's artistic development with increasing interest. For two years, after I came to live in Haifa, I knew him personally.

To say that Schmitt belonged to that small group of serious and mature artists who strive towards a genuine and original conception of Israel painting, would do him justice only as an artist, but would not describe him as the rare and lovable person that he was. While I would hesitate to call him a great painter (a title to which less than a handful of Jewish painters in our generation can aspire), there was something of greatness about him that must have had its origin in the seriousness of his painter-like approach, his respect for "métier" and "matière," his guileless appreciation and balanced judgment of other men's work, his sense of humour and last but not least — his brave standing-up to a cruel destiny.

I feel his finest and most promising period was his last one. From the shock of his son's death Schmitt recovered artistically as a new, a young man. The series of paintings he did in Safad during 1949-50 have a gay, crisp and spring-like quality. They represent a serious attempt to reestablish the contact of modern Israel painting with one of its oriental sources. Of this fertile period, I have seen fifteen very fine paintings, infectiously fresh with the rare charm of fairy-tales.

When I saw him for the last time, in the hospital which he was about to leave after his first spell of illness (only to return a few days later, a death-marked man), Schmitt talked about his plans, his hope of giving up teaching and going to his house and studio in Safad to do his life's work. "I have done so little," he said. "I have not yet made the pictures I want to paint."

He did not know that he would never paint them.

Yours, etc.
M. SHERMAN
Tel Aviv

Points from Letters

A SPOT OF GREEN. — I was very impressed by the new public garden near the Carmelia Court, Haifa. Such gardens should be laid out in all parts of town, particularly in the congested quarters. They will make our city more beautiful and its citizens healthier.

Haifa. — Alda Mechly

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The convention which was to have been held at Meshek YIFTAH on August 11 has been postponed until further notice. During the month of August there is no possibility to accommodate guests at Yiftah.
(Sgd.) *Secretariat of Meshek Yiftah,*
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